

24 October 1972

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have received your very kind invitation for November 1st. Unfortunately, I will be out of the country on that date and this alone prevents me from attending the National Day celebration of your heroic people.

With every good wish to you and your gallant nation,

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters  
Lieutenant General, USA

His Excellency  
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